



# V-TWIN TALES

Corpus Christi Texas H.O.G. Chapter #5020

Sponsor – Corpus Christi Harley-Davidson  
Regional Director – JT Hasley  
Director – Daniel Barrientez

Second Quarter 2017 Volume 13 Issue 2  
<http://corpuschristihog.wix.com/chapter5020>  
Editor – Rickey Thielen



**Bryan Gabbert – Assistant Director**

## Making Memories

For the last couple of years now the Corpus Christi H.O.G. chapter has conducted a POI challenge. The rules of the challenge are to take 40 pictures of certain sites around Texas with the POI, bike and a H.O.G. magazine cover in the picture. The POIs span the length of Texas from its farthest remote corners to its busiest bustling cities.

A few years back Sherrie and I were new members to the chapter when the first challenge went out and thought it would be fun to try and get a couple of these POIs. Well, if you didn't know already I'm a little competitive and if we were going to do this we weren't just going to get some, we were going to get them all! Some of POIs have been easy and some of them have not. I've taken vacation a time or two just so we could have enough days on the road to get those "far" ones. For some we've started off before sunrise and shut it down after sunset. We have seen places that we never knew existed and have been to places we'll never remember how to get back to. We've dodged tumbleweeds in the panhandle and we've had kids playing basketball in the streets of Houston call us Astronauts. We've sat in remote churches just reflecting and we've

*Continued on Page 2*

sat in remote bars just reflecting. We've eaten food worthy of 5 stars and have had food not worth mentioning again.

When I was a little kid my Dad used to work for the Southern Pacific Railroad. He would be out of town all week long stationed in some little town or the other while they worked on whatever needed attention and come home for the weekends. As we traveled as a family he would see a mileage sign to some off the beaten path town and say, "I've been there" but all that meant was that at some point he had driven through that town. It's funny, after competing in these POI challenges the last few years I find myself telling my kids the same thing now, "I've been there." I don't elaborate that we skidded to a stop, took a picture and headed out of town in a cloud of dust.

You might have noticed that I used "We" in a lot of my descriptions above and it's on purpose. These POIs are a competition but most of all it gets me out riding with my Best Friend. There are a lot of miles involved with attaining these destinations and what better way to do that than seeing it all with someone you care about. My suggestion to you all is, if you can't do all the POIs pick a couple to a places you have never seen or been to. Load the bike and your loved one and hit the road. There is nothing like making memories that you'll never forget.....and you'll be able to say, "I've been there."

Be safe out there and Ride It Like You Stole It,

Thanks, Bryan



## **Head Road Captain – David Benoist Corpus Christi H.O.G. Mileage Contest**

The 1st Quarter Jim Clark Memorial Mileage Contest had 14 members turn in their mileage and was won by Richard Smith with 12,714 miles. Richard was presented with the 1st quarter patch and received a tee shirt from Preston Douglass and CCHD. The runners up were Louis Kubala with 9,084 miles, Rickey & Connie Thielen with 7,675 miles, Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert with 7,127 miles, John Fitzgerald with 5,527 miles, Eric Thomas with 4,965 miles, Renato Perez with 3,282 miles, Cyndi Robinson with 3,088 miles, Dan Robinson with 2,497 miles, David Benoist with 1,215 miles, Sabas Cavazos, Jr. with 655 miles, Santos Juarez with 365 miles, John & Julie Lackey with 278 miles and Bob Sollars with 76 miles. Total mileage accumulated by our members for the 1st quarter was 58,548 miles.

John Fitzgerald won the consolation drawing for the runners up and received a shirt from Preston Douglass and CCHD.

There are two ways to win each quarter. One way is to have the highest outright mileage for the quarter. The other way is to win the runners up consolation drawing from the remaining eligible participants for the quarter. Those who have won in either category during the course of the year are not eligible to win again in that category for the remainder of the year.

Thanks to all who participated and congratulations to Richard Smith for his high mileage for the 1st quarter and to John Fitzgerald as the consolation drawing winner.



## Deep South H.O.G. Rally

H.O.G. changed the format for the rallies this year. Gone are the state rallies and they have been replaced by regional rallies. Instead of having 40 plus state rallies, some smaller states have usually been combined, the new format has 17 regional rallies and “State” has been removed from the titles. The old Louisiana State H.O.G. Rally has historically been the first rally of the year for the past many years. This year the first regional rally was called the Deep South Rally and held in Alexandria, Louisiana on April 6-8, 2017. The organizers promised unique flavors of Deep South with cracklings, boudin, boiled crawfish and fried seafood.

The Alexandria Riverfront Center was the main event site with the host hotel located next door. The Harley-Davidson Demo Truck was also set up at the Riverfront Center. Approximately 12 miles away, the Jena Choctow Pines Casino in Dry Prong, Louisiana played host to the bike games and was the starting point for many of the guided rides. The other location where lots of activity was ongoing was Renegade Harley-Davidson.

Guided rides included “Easy Rider” where the movie was filmed in Morganza, “Natchitoches” to the oldest city in Louisiana, the “Old Hanging Jail” in DeRidder and the “Sarto Old Iron Bridge” near Marksville which is a steel-truss swinging bridge built over Bayou des Glaises in 1916 and is a rare surviving example of its kind. The “Angola Prison Museum” ride, at the 18,000 acre Angola Prison near the Mississippi border, was supposed to be a guided ride but the prison folks got a little “freaked out” due to the prospect of groups of bikers all showing up at the same time. The ride was then designated as a self-guided ride and go at your own pace.

In addition there were self-guided rides to the Jerry Lee Lewis Museum in Ferriday, Smack Dab in the Middle to Bunkie, Jena Gap Run and the International Boundary MKR 1841 on the Texas/Louisiana border.

On Thursday evening Renegade H-D hosted the Early Bird Party and on Friday evening they offered “Downtown Rocks” with a big downtown party. The parade of flags was held on Saturday afternoon followed by the closing ceremony at the Riverfront Center. The evening entertainment was the Deja Vu Band. There was also an After Party at the Best Western Inn Suites & Conference Center complete with music and food.

Follow us on Facebook 

**Chapter Ride Policy Reminder - All Chapter rides officially end in the parking lot of our destination with kick stands down.**





## Gamblers Run

The first overnight Chapter ride of the year left out on Friday, April 21, 2017 from the Whataburger on Old Brownsville Road at 8:00 am heading for Kinder, Louisiana to the Coshatta Casino Resort. Rickey Thielen was the Road Captain and Bryan Gabbert was the sweep for the group that included Linda Benavides, Clyde Douglas, Sherrie Gabbert, Raul Guzman, Frank Poland and Carol Foreman in a vehicle, Cyndi Robinson and Connie Thielen. After a gas stop in Hillje at Prasek's Hillje Smokehouse we made it into Houston and had lunch at the Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen for some great food.

With one more gas stop in Vidor, Texas we made it to the Best Western adjacent to the Coshatta Casino grounds and checked in. It was time to freshen up and then go to the casino to test our luck, get something to eat and then back to the hotel for the night. The shuttle bus system took us to the casino and back so we didn't have to move the bikes.

On Saturday, April 22, we decided to go for a ride after breakfast at the hotel and picked the Tabasco factory on Avery Island as the destination. We set off with Rickey leading and Bryan sweeping. Rain was forecast for the evening hours and the clouds were showing that something was trying to move into the area. We arrived in Scott and took time to visit Cajun Harley-Davidson. After leaving Scott we headed to Avery Island which is the home of Tabasco founded by Edmund McIlhenny in 1868. Edmund grew his first commercial crop of *Capsicum frutescens* peppers that had come from Mexico or Central America in 1868 and sent out 658 bottles of his pepper sauce in 1869 at one dollar apiece wholesale to grocers around the Gulf Coast, particularly in New Orleans. The diet of the Reconstruction South was bland and monotonous, especially by Louisiana standards. So Edmund McIlhenny decided to create a pepper sauce to give the food some spice and flavor — some excitement. Selecting and crushing the reddest peppers from his plants, he mixed them with Avery Island salt and aged this “mash” for 30 days in crockery jars and barrels. McIlhenny then blended the mash with French white wine vinegar and aged the mixture for at least another 30 days. After straining it, he transferred the sauce to small cologne-type bottles with sprinkler fitments, which he then corked and sealed in green wax. (The sprinkler fitment was important because his pepper sauce was concentrated and best used when sprinkled, not poured.)

“That Famous Sauce Mr. McIlhenny Makes” proved so popular with family and friends that McIlhenny, previously a banker, decided to embark on a new business venture by marketing his pepper sauce. He labeled it “Tabasco,” a word of Mexican Indian origin believed to mean “place where the soil is humid” or “place of the

*Continued on Page 5*

coral or oyster shell.” McIlhenny secured a patent in 1870, and TABASCO® Sauce began its journey to set the culinary world on fire. Sales grew, and by the late 1870s, he sold his sauce throughout the U.S. and even in England.

Over 140 years later, TABASCO® Sauce is made much the same way except now the aging process for the mash is longer – up to three years in white oak barrels – and the vinegar is high-quality distilled vinegar. Labeled in 22 languages and dialects, sold in over 180 countries and territories, added to soldiers’ rations and put on restaurant tables around the globe, it is the most famous, most preferred pepper sauce in the world. Five generations later Anthony “Tony” Simmons, the current President and CEO, is the seventh McIlhenny in a chain of direct descendants who have strived to preserve the legacy and traditions of the company’s creator.

After touring the Tabasco grounds we headed back to Scott and had lunch at Fezzo’s Seafood, Steakhouse, and Oyster Bar but not before hitting a little of that rain that was threatening the area. If you can’t find something to make your mouth water with all the Cajun offerings at Fezzo’s you definitely need to have your blood pressure checked by a professional!

We waddled out of Fezzo’s and made the ride back to Kinder settling in for the evening for some more gambling activities at the casino.

On Sunday morning, April 23, we headed back to Corpus Christi, some of us a little richer and some of us a little poorer, depending on your luck. It was a nice trip and we hope all had a good time.



## Southwest H.O.G. Rally

The second H.O.G. rally of the year was the Southwest H.O.G. Rally held in Belton, Texas on May 18-20, 2017 and was billed as “Destination Central Texas”. The rally headquarters was the Bell County Expo Center in Belton. The cities of Harker Heights, Killeen, Salado and Temple also welcomed the rally participants and had events/historical sites of interest for everyone.

The rally kicked off bright and early at 8:00 am on Thursday morning with registration at the Expo Center and a ride to Fort Hood for a museum tour. Activities included a silent auction, H-D Demo Rides, Bling Party, Poker Runs, Poker Walks, Biker Bingo and the Swifty Swine Pig Races.

*Continued on Page 6*

The Thursday opening ceremony and Early Bird Party was held at Horny Toad H-D.

Self-guided rides included “Roadkill” which was a ride to Buzzard Billy’s Swamp Shack in Waco, ride to Enchanted Rock straddling the border of Gillespie & Llano counties, “Z-Town” ride to Greens Sausage House, “Hotcakes & Harleys” for a pancake breakfast and scavenger hunt ride, “LBJ Park/Pecan Tree Restaurant”, “Longhorn Caverns”, “Everybody’s Somebody” to Luckenbach to the Post Office/General Store/Beer Joint which first opened in 1886, “Mammoth National Monument” to see the excavated remains of mammoths, “Texas Chain Saw Massacre” to the original family house from the film, “Waco Museums” to the Texas Ranger and Dr. Pepper Museums, “Be My Hunny” ride to the Walker Honey Farm in Rogers, “Wendish House” in Serbin, and “Winery Row”.

Activities on Friday evening included the Band “Two Tons of Steel” at Schoepf’s Bar-B-Que, a Walking Poker Tour in conjunction with Cruise & Blues at downtown Temple, 70<sup>th</sup> Annual PRCA Rodeo in Killeen and a Historic Salado Ghost Walk including a 1.5 miles lantern historical tour with legends, folklore and ghost stories.

Saturday had Trike Games (the Bike Games were on Friday), Bike Show, and Tattoo Contest along with all the self-guided rides. The closing ceremonies were held at the Bell County Expo Center. The evening entertainment was ZZ Top in Concert.



## Happy Birthday and Many More.....

### July

11 Robert Alaniz  
14 Michael Ladd  
14 Michael Powell  
17 Julie Lackey  
19 John Fitzgerald  
20 Ronald LeBoeuf  
29 Cynthia Ybarra

### August

1 Wayne Bennett  
3 Jay Conerly  
6 Chuck West  
7 Billy Edwards  
16 Bob Graves  
24 Marie Powell  
27 Alma Villarreal

### September

1 Jeff Ruble  
2 LeRoy Bates  
5 John Lackey  
6 Eustacio Saucedo  
22 Richard Martinez  
28 Kerry Goodman







## Happy Wedding Anniversary

<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
3 Israel & Thelma Blanco	4 Louis & Adriana Kubala	2 Rickey & Connie Thielen
8 Jim & Ann McKibben	5 Renato & Leticia Perez	9 John & Pennie Mathewson
13 Tom & Julia Mason	10 Dan & Cyndi Robinson	10 Sid & Genie Blalack
14 Billy & Paula Edwards	13 Eric & Nini Thomas	13 Jerry & Debra Olivarez
19 Arturo & Lisa Trevino	17 Santos & Janie Juarez	19 Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert
20 Ronald & Karolyn Hildreth	17 Bob & Zhihe Sollars	
21 Ray & Stacy Reyes	25 Ronald & Lue Ella LeBoeuf	
23 David & Peggy Benoist		
25 John & Julie Lackey		

### Welcome New Members:

Brenda Canales, John Clapp, Erik Marjamaki, Tim Miller, Harry Pearrell, Arturo Trevino, Joe Vera, Charles "Chuck" West

Welcome to the Corpus Christi H.O.G. Chapter family and we look forward to riding with you!



### Top 25 Chapter Ride/Meeting Participation through 6/30/17 -YTD

Marshall Lester	(1)	Dan Robinson	(8)
Sid Blalack	(2)	Cyndi Robinson	(9)
Bryan Gabbert	(T3)	Connie Thielen	(10)
Raul Guzman	(T3)	Carl Sitzler	(T11)
Linda Benavides	(T4)	Cheryl Sitzler	(T11)
Sherrie Gabbert	(T4)	Louis Kubala	(12)
Rickey Thielen	(T4)	John Mathewson	(T13)
Eric Thomas	(T4)	Eustacio Saucedo, Jr.	(T13)
David Benoist	(5)	Sabas Cavazos, Jr.	(14)
Julian Gaona	(T6)	Alma Villarreal	(15)
Richard Smith	(T6)	Daniel Barrientez	(T16)
Peggy Benoist	(T7)	John Lackey	(T16)
Diana Gaona	(T7)		



## National H.O.G. Mileage Recognition

The National H.O.G. Mileage Recognition program has been in existence since 1995.

Many of our local members participate in this program. The following are members who have attained an award milestone since the 1st quarter 2017 V-Twin newsletter was published. Members listed below are only those who turned in their mileages at Corpus Christi Harley-Davidson. If you sent yours directly to Milwaukee or recorded the mileage at another dealership, you will not be listed. If we missed you for any reason, we apologize.

If you are not enrolled in the H.O.G. Mileage Recognition program please visit with the receptionist at Corpus Christi Harley-Davidson soon and she will help get you enrolled. Mileages can be accumulated for as long as you are a H.O.G. member and on multiple H-D motorcycles. The main thing to remember is that the mileages cannot be reported retroactively, so the sooner you enroll the more miles you can accumulate. Patches, pins and achievement rockers for reaching key milestones are a benefit of being a participating H.O.G. member just for doing what you already love..... riding.

Timothy Miller	1,000 Miles	Gary Burks	60,000 Miles
Eustacio Saucedo	1,000 Miles	Connie Thielen	550,000 Miles
Eustacio Saucedo	5,000 Miles	Rickey Thielen	550,000 Miles
Gary Burks	40,000 Miles		

**Congratulations to these Corpus Christi H.O.G. members for their impressive accomplishments!**



## Secretary Report – Rickey Thielen

The Corpus Christi H.O.G. Chapter membership count was 96 members as of June 30, 2017. Please remember to maintain your National H.O.G. membership, which must be kept current, to be a Corpus Christi H.O.G. Chapter member. An expired membership at the National H.O.G. level automatically terminates local chapter membership.

*Continued on Page 9*



**Article VI of the H.O.G. Charter relating to Membership states:**

*All Harley Owners Group® members may join any affiliated chapter. An expired membership in H.O.G. automatically terminates local Chapter membership. It shall be the responsibility of each local Chapter to ensure that Chapter members are current H.O.G. members and to maintain on file in the Chapter records a signed copy of the annual Chapter Membership Enrollment form and Release of each Chapter member. It shall be the responsibility of any person applying for, or renewing, membership in a local Chapter to provide proof of his or her National membership as a condition of eligibility for membership.*



## **2016 ABC's of Touring Results**

Each year H.O.G. offers the ABC's of Touring contest to all H.O.G. members whether Life, Full or Associate members riding Harley-Davidson motorcycles. Over the years many of our members have participated in this contest that runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Billy Fultz, one of our past Directors, won the contest in 2011 and Jim Clark had placed as high as 3<sup>rd</sup> on a couple of occasions. So, our Chapter has been well represented in the past.

For 2016, the contest had 1,436 H.O.G. members from around the country that participated. John Barber from Tyler, Texas was the winner with 152 points, Jill Barber from Tyler, Texas won 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 151 points and Kurt Brandt from Kings Mountain, North Carolina took 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 149 points. All the winners are listed on the National H.O.G. website at [www.members.hog.com](http://www.members.hog.com) down to those who only had one point.

Rickey Thielen & Connie Thielen with 121 points each and were tied for 10<sup>th</sup> place nationally, Richard Smith had 102 points, Louis Kubala had 99 points, Renato Perez had 75 points and Bryan Gabbert & Sherrie Gabbert had 71 points each.

The year is only half over so if you want to participate all you have to do is grab a 2017 H.O.G. magazine or the 2017 Touring Handbook, get out on your H-D motorcycle and find some city and county signs that start with the letters A to Z along with all the other categories. There are prizes for attaining certain point levels and listed on the 2017 ABC's of Touring rules (also listed in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter V-Twin Newsletter). Let's see who shows up on the list for this year's contest!

Congratulations to our members listed above for their great showing.

***It's all about the ride! Ride often and ride safe.***

*Show Your Support - Get the Corpus Christi H.O.G. Chapter Colors. Wear Them Proudly When You Ride.*



## **SAFETY CORNER**

**by Eric Thomas, Chapter Safety Officer**

Well, summer has definitely arrived in South Texas, and it is only going to get worse. Riding in such heat has its own demands and necessary preparations to help ensure we all have a safe and comfortable ride. I encourage all members to learn the symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke and the recommended first aid treatment for each, especially all Road Captains.

Here are a few more suggestions and words of advice to help keep our rides both fun and safe:

1. **Bike maintenance** - In addition to standard TCLOC checks, routine recommended engine checks are very important in the summer to prevent engine overheating. Frequent checks of Harley's new twin-cooled systems, if installed, are encouraged to ensure proper coolant levels and flow, as well as radiator cooling fan operation. More frequent tire checks are very important to check tread wear and tire pressure especially if still using air, which is more subject to temperature effects, versus nitrogen.
2. **Hydration** – I can't overstate the importance of being properly hydrated prior to going on a ride, especially now during the summer. Hydration should start the night before the ride, and continue during the ride by drinking water at each stop on a long ride. And please drink water not soda, tea, or coffee for the best hydration benefits.
3. **Rest** – Proper rest is very important in a safe ride. Try to get a good night's sleep prior to a ride, particularly a long ride. If you get tired on a long ride please stop and rest when possible. Reaction time can be greatly diminished when extremely tired.
4. **Last, but not least, Protective Clothing** - Protective clothing should include long-sleeved shirt, long trousers, and full-fingered gloves made from leather or other abrasion-resistant material, and to maximize safety, a riding jacket. Some may question wearing long-sleeved shirts in the summer thinking it would be too hot. But in actuality, the evaporation from perspiration will keep you cooler, as well as protecting you from potential sunburn. Motorcycle jackets and pants constructed of abrasion-resistant materials such as leather, Kevlar®, or Cordura® and containing impact-absorbing padding are strongly encouraged. These will significantly protect the rider in the case of going down. Many light weight and vented styles are available for summer use. Riders are also encouraged to select gear that incorporates fluorescent colors and/or retro-reflective material to improve visibility to others. Remember, most motorcycle accidents involving another vehicle are at least partially caused by the motorcycle not being seen by the other vehicle. Dress for the slide, not the ride.

I hope you found this information helpful. Please feel free to contact me anytime with any safety question or concern. I also welcome suggestions for future articles and safety briefs.

Stay safe and have a fun ride.

## H.O.G.® Roadside Assistance Program

After a recent flat tire by Rickey & Connie Thielen on the way to one of our lunch rides to the Broadway Grill in Nordheim, we thought it was a good time to remind everyone about H.O.G. Roadside Assistance in the event that a problem is encountered while out riding. In this case the nearest H-D shop was Victoria H-D and the tow truck was sent out of Victoria. The distance was approximately 45 miles each way. The tow truck charge was \$3 per mile so the total bill would have been about \$270, but with the added coverage there was no charge and nothing to sign. Wow, so the \$20 saved them \$270. What a deal!

Your National H.O.G. Membership, Full or Full Life, covers one service each calendar year, with maximum coverage of \$100. In some cases this may be enough to safely get you and your bike from the side of the road to the nearest Harley-Davidson® dealership. Call 1-888-443-5896 (also found on the back of your member card) and help is on the way, at any hour of the day or night. Your policy number is your H.O.G. membership number. If the charge is more than \$100 you are responsible for the rest of the charge in excess of the \$100. To avoid the potential for this out of pocket expense, for a very reasonable yearly fee, as listed below starting with the Deluxe Package, you're out of pocket cost goes to zero and the usage is unlimited. Both Standard and the other packages are handled through Road America.

**STANDARD PACKAGE:** Included with Full or Full Life membership.  
Covers one H-D® motorcycle, one service per year, up to \$100.

For even more peace of mind, higher levels of coverage are also available:

**DELUXE PACKAGE:** \$19.95 per year.  
Covers up to two H-D motorcycles, unlimited services, towing/roadside costs covered in full.

**ULTRA PACKAGE:** \$29.95 per year.  
Same general coverage as Deluxe Package, plus emergency travel reimbursement.

**ULTRA PLUS PACKAGE:** \$49.95 per year.  
Same general coverage as Ultra Package, plus coverage of up to three vehicles, including cars and light trucks.

To upgrade your protection plan or learn more, visit Road America protection plan or download the H.O.G. Roadside Assistance Additional Coverage Application.



## A Look in the Rear View Mirror

A look back at some events & happenings that took place in the 2nd quarter of years past:

### **One Year Ago (2016):**

- 2nd quarter mileage contest won by Rickey & Connie Thielen with 12,431 miles and Steven & Melody Williams won the consolation drawing.

*Continued on Page 12*



- Chapter Meeting at the Silverado Smokehouse on 4/4 with 29 members in attendance.
- Road Captain Training at CCHD on 4/9 with 11 in attendance.
- H.O.G. Officers Training in Shreveport, Louisiana attended by Daniel Barrientez, Bryan Gabbert, Dan & Cyndi Robinson and Eric Thomas accompanied by members Mary Alice Barrientez & Sherrie Gabbert on 5/5-6.
- Texas H.O.G. Rally on 5/13-15 attended by Margie Arnold, Louis Kubala, Rick Lyon, Renato Perez, Dan & Cyndi Robinson, Richard Smith, Rickey & Connie Thielen, Eric Thomas and Steve & Melody Williams.
- Chapter Meeting at the Silverado Smokehouse on 6/6 with 36 members in attendance.

#### **Five Years Ago (2012):**

- 2nd quarter mileage contest won by Jim Clark with 20,521 miles and Steven Williams won the consolation drawing.
- Chapter Meeting on 4/2 with 47 in attendance. Linda Benavides won the charity drawing (CC Food Bank) and Ray Ramos won the 50/50 drawing for \$90.50.
- LOH Wildflower Ride on 4/13 through 4/15 to Fredericksburg with 19 attending.
- Louisiana State H.O.G. Rally held in Lafayette at the Cajun Dome on 4/19 through 4/21 attended by Billy Fultz, Dennis & Linda Lugg, James & Cathleen Taylor and Rickey & Connie Thielen.
- Texas State H.O.G. Rally held in Fort Worth at the Stockyards on 5/3 through 5/5 attended by Daniel Barrientez, David & Peggy Benoist, Mary Alice Buentello, Bill Chabot, Jim Clark, Margie Francis, Billy Fultz, Jim Jessen, Dennis & Linda Lugg, Rick Lyon, Santos & Janie Juarez, Dave & Sally Palmer, Dan & Cyndi Robinson, Rickey & Connie Thielen and Marin Villarreal.
- H.O.G. announces that Billy Fultz won the 2011 ABC's of Touring with 144 points. Other CC H.O.G. members that participated were Rickey and Connie Thielen with 101 points each, Russell (Andy) Felkner with 67 points, David and Sally Palmer with 66 points each, Jim Clark with 64 points and Thad Pierce with 37 points.
- Chapter Meeting on 6/4 with 51 in attendance. New members Rhett Butler, Tom Brown, James & Sheila Brown, Shawn Etheridge and Tom Ferguson. Members voted to move the meeting start up to 7:00 PM. Debbie Towns won the chapter charity drawing and Margie Francis on the 50/50 for \$73.50.
- Million Mile Monday to the Backstreet Café in Sinton with 19 members participating – two day total for the chapter was 4,680 miles.
- New members noted in the 2nd quarter V-Twin Tales were Israel Blanco, Jr. , James Brown, Sheila Brown, Tom Brown, Rhett Butler, Connie Cook, James Cook, Shawn Etheridge, Thomas Ferguson, Mary "Lynnie" Gantz, Gary Nycum, Bob Sollars, Arturo Trevino, Erin Wilson, Steve Wilson.

#### **Ten Years Ago (2007):**

- 2nd quarter mileage contest won by Jim Clark with 11,215 miles and Marshall Lester won the consolation drawing.
- Chapter meeting at Silverado Smokehouse on 4/2 with 46 in attendance.
- Overnight LOH Wildflower Ride to Marble Falls on 4/14 to 4/15 attended by Dan & Cyndi Robinson, Dottie Winters, Jim Clark, Bill Chabot, Louis Kubala, Andy & Glenda Felkner and Rickey & Connie Thielen. Very cold ride.
- Rickey Thielen attends Primary Officers Training in Birmingham, Alabama on 4/19-4/21. Over 700 in attendance.
- Texas State H.O.G. Rally in Amarillo on 5/17 to 5/20.
- Road Captain training on 5/26 at CCHD with five members in attendance. The training was conducted by Head Road Captain Sean Cryer. KT Goodman presented instruction on what to do as a “first

*Continued on Page 13*

responder” to an accident scene involving a motorcycle.

- ROT Rally in Austin on 6/1 to 6/3.
- Chapter meeting at Silverado Smokehouse on 6/4 with 37 in attendance.
- Jim Clark, Marin Villarreal and Rickey & Connie Thielen along with Dave Cook attend the Arkansas State H.O.G. Rally in Hot Springs, Arkansas on 6/7-6/9.
- Chapter picnic at Gary & Susan Garrett’s place on Lake Corpus Christi on 6/23 with 19 in attendance.
- Andy & Glenda Felkner and Rickey & Connie Thielen attend the Texas State Rally Selection meeting in Austin on 6/24. New Braunfels and Waco vie for the 2008 HOG Rally. New Braunfels was the chosen site by those in attendance.
- Members who qualified for National H.O.G. Mileage Program awards in the first six months of 2007 at the 10,000 mile level were Kerry “KT” Goodman, Chris Grimes, Marshall Lester, Kevin Mallory, Steve & Beverly Montuori, Mary Alice Sanderson, Timothy Settle, Sr. and Scott Shaw. At the 25,000 mile level were Bill Beck, Antonio “Tony” Garcia, Don Haerer and Greg Sanderson. At the 60,000 mile level was Santos & Janie Juarez, 80,000 mile level was Bob Lopez, 100,000 mile level was Andy Felkner, 150,000 mile level was Louis Kubala and 550,000 mile level was Jim Clark.

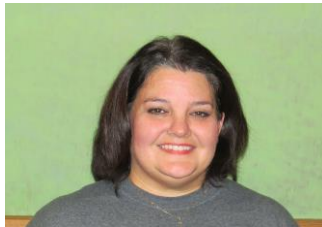
### **Fifteen Years Ago (2002):**

- 2nd quarter mileage contest won by Rickey & Connie Thielen with 14,053 miles.
- Chapter ride to Louisiana State H.O.G. Rally in Westwego 16 members on 4/4-5.
- Chapter Participates in Special Olympics opening ceremony with 23 members.
- Chapter ride to Texas State H.O.G. Rally in Beaumont with 38 members on 4/26-27.
- Eleven chapter members listed in March/April issue of Hog Tales having entered the 2001 ABC’s of Touring contest. Jim Clark had 110 points (9<sup>th</sup> in USA), H.G. Garrett had 89 points, Louis Kubala had 84 points, Rickey & Connie Thielen each had 83 points, Tim Temple had 76 points, Rey Salinas had 71 points, Thad (Frenchy) Pierce had 67 points, Forest Pierce had 66 points, Beryl Burke had 38 points and Wiley and Linda McLaughlin each had 37 points.
- Chapter ride to ROT in Austin on 5/31 to 6/2.
- CCHD begins Rider’s Edge courses on 6/13.
- Chapter Picnic at John & Geri Cringole's place on Lake Mathis with 29 members.
- 3rd Quarter Chapter meeting held at The Happy Buddha #2 Restaurant on 7/2 with 30 people in attendance.

### **Twenty Years Ago (1997):**

- 2nd quarter mileage contest won by George Griffith with 7,170 miles.
- Chapter meeting on 4/7 at Island Italian Restaurant.
- LOH Lunch run to Nolan Ryan's Waterfront Restaurant on 4/27.
- Ride to Progresso.
- Special election at Silverado Steak House as Robert Taylor and Earl McCown have to move on 5/5.
- Hill Country Camping Trip to Mager's Campground.
- Chapter meeting at BBQ Man Restaurant on 6/2.





## **LOH/Activities Officer – Sherrie Gabbert**

### **Annual CC H.O.G. Chapter Texas POI Contest Reminder**

This year's POI (Points of Interest) Contest is the 5<sup>th</sup> annual opportunity that this event has been offered. Bryan & Sherrie Gabbert put together another challenging event for our members. This will require getting out and riding to up to 40 different points throughout Texas to get a picture of the POI. Requirements will be that you're Harley-Davidson motorcycle, the POI and a copy of a 2017 H.O.G. magazine or the 2017 H.O.G. Touring Handbook be in the picture. You can be in the picture but this is not a requirement for those that participate on their own.

The contest started on February 13th and runs through July 31 with all submissions to be turned into the receptionist at CCHD no later than end of business day on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

There is still time to knock out a few and get out and ride. Anyone needing details about this can contact Bryan or Sherrie Gabbert.



### **Chapter Fund Raiser**

Sherrie Gabbert, our LOH Officer, has put together a Chapter Fund Raiser of a liquor basket with bottles of liquor donated by Chapter members that will be raffled off at our Chapter meeting on August 7<sup>th</sup>. We need to get the \$10 tickets sold to either members or non-members. Tickets come in books of 10 and can be picked up at the sales counter at CCHD. We need help from the membership to get these tickets sold. The ticket winner need not be present to win and will be notified by phone if not present. The liquor basket is located behind the front sales counter at CCHD for viewing and is valued at around \$400. All tickets and monies need to be turned in by Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup> to Sherrie Gabbert.



## 2017 H.O.G. Rally Schedule

<u>RALLY NAME</u>	<u>CITY/LOCATION</u>	<u>DATES</u>
Lewis & Clark Touring Rally	Portland, OR	July 10-21, 2017
Southern Backroad's H.O.G. Rally	Cookeville, TN	July 11-15, 2017
H.O.G. Revolution Rally	Utica, NY	July 13-15, 2017
Pacific Northwest H.O.G. Rally	Meridian, ID	July 20-22, 2017
H.O.G. Iron Adventure of New England	Lincoln, NH	July 27-29, 2017
Great Lakes H.O.G. Rally	Saulte Ste Marie, MI	August 17-19, 2017
H.O.G. Rally in the Valley	Grantville, PA	August 17-19, 2017
H.O.G. National Rally	Milwaukee, WI	August 30-31, 2017
H.O.G. National Rally	Milwaukee, WI (continued)	September 1-3, 2017
Western H.O.G. Rally	Chandler, AZ	September 14-16, 2017
Central H.O.G. Rally	Ardmore, OK	October 5-7, 2017
Hawaiian Islands H.O.G. Rally	Kahului, Maui, Hawaii	October 13-15, 2017
Southeast H.O.G. Rally	Pensacola, FL	November 1-4, 2017

## 2017 H.O.G. Pin Stop Schedule

<u>Name/Event</u>	<u>City/Location</u>	<u>Dates</u>
HHRA Mopar Nationals	Denver, CO.	July 21-23, 2017
National Bikers Round Up	Kansas, MO.	August 3-5, 2017
Sturgis Motorcycle Rally	Sturgis, SD.	August 5-12, 2017
Kansas City Powertrain Open House	Kansas City, MO.	August 25-26, 2017
Tomahawk Operations Open House	Tomahawk, WI.	September 15, 2017
Bikes, Blues & BBQ	Fayetteville, AR.	September 20-23, 2017
Street Vibrations Fall Rally	Reno, NV.	September 28-30, 2017
York Powertrain Open House	York, PA.	September 28-30, 2017
Biketoberfest	Daytona Beach, FL.	October 19-21, 2017
Lone Star Rally	Galveston, TX.	November 2-5, 2017

John Fitzgerald submitted the photo below on the left of an intersection in Wisconsin known as H.O.G. corner. He made this ride with the Faribault, MN. H.O.G. Chapter. This intersection has been shown in the H.O.G. magazine a couple of times. Thanks for sharing this unique place.



# HOG Meeting Notes

June 5, 2017

## General Announcements

Daniel Barrientez, Chapter Director, called meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Chaplain Jerry Olivarez, Chaplain, prayed for Carlos Chavez and Frenchie Pierce for a speedy recovery and blessed our food.

Daniel advised our chapter that Rickey Thielen, Secretary, was working and asked Bryan Gabbert our Assistant Director to give his report. He reported that our membership is down to 94 members and announced birthdays/anniversaries for June/July/August.

Daniel asked if there were any new members.

Joe Vera signed up as a new member.

Had a visitor Jeff Hawkins and will decide if he is going to be a member.

Our treasurer, Cindy gave her report

- Beginning of April \$1,020.52
- Deposit \$268.50
- End of April \$1,289.02
- May Balance Forward \$1,289.02
- No Deposits
- Balance in Account \$1,289.02
- June Balance Forward \$1,289.02
- Deposit 6/8/2017 24
- Sub total \$1,313.02
- Ending Balance \$1,313.02
- Advised that collected \$22.00 for Charity

David our Road Captain – At the end of this month, no later than July 1 by 6pm members have to turn in their mileage for the 2nd Quarter Mileage Contest. They are having a Road Captain review on 6/24/17 at 9am for an hour and a half at the Harley shop back room.

Sherrie Gabbert, LOH Officer – Advised the members that not much is going on. Next week a new calendar will be put out. Last POIs at the end of the month need to be in. If you make 25 POIs you get 1 ticket in the drawing for the gift cards from CCHD. If you get all 40 POIs with pictures, your name will be entered twice. She will send a message out about the Christmas Party.

Daniel asked our Sponsor, Preston Douglass, to give updates. Preston said there will be a Father's Day party at CCHD. Scheduling can be found at the Harley store. Might be an announcement, if there is no announcement then that means he did not get for what he had asked for. He asked for a bike to be raffled on that day. Preston asked if anybody wanted to ride in the Pride parade. Send Preston an email and he will let know.

Daniel announced that Gary Burks and his dad went to DC for Rolling Thunder and Daniel passed a patch around denoting the 30 Year Anniversary. Daniel mentioned that next year at Milwaukee Rally will be 115 year

rally in August, wants to see if all H.O.G. group will want to ride up.

Daniel announced that there is going to be Custom Oldies presents We Got Your Six Auto Show benefitting the Patriot Guard Riders of South Texas at Brewster St. Icehouse on August 26, 2017. They would like for us to try to put together a donation between \$250 and \$500. Any amount will be appreciated. The Patriot Guard welcomes any group. They have a sign up table. Need to turn in money by July 1st.

Chaplain Jerry Olivarez wanted to recognize the Patriot Guard for honoring his sister when she returned from a tour of duty.

The chapter collected \$250 to sponsor the We Got Your Six Auto Show.

Richard Smith talked about some of the trips that he's been on, to be very careful around Ingleside area. Hogs that are crossing the road and there was a bobcat. Mentioned to check your air pressure and drink plenty of water during this hot summer.

Linda Benavides also mentioned that she and Raul, Bryan, Sherrie, Cyndi, Connie and Rick all had a good time at Coushatta.

Daniel called in for the charity ticket which was won by Linda Benavides. Blue ticket was Chaplain Jerry Olivarez. Jerry wanted to say a few words that he has a new church that he would like the group to attend after our breakfast rides and Daniel said would set up a date. Will set up a date, email Chaplain to RSVP.

Sabas Cavazos, talked about a new place that opened up in Gregory called Cruisers, they have a bike night. Introduced the owner Lilian Flores. Open 7 days a week, from 11 am to 10 pm. Wednesday they'll have bike night from 5-9 and live music. Address is 205 Texas Hwy 35. They have a Facebook page.

Daniel asked if there was any new business and there was none.

Adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Rodriguez for Rickey Thielen

## **Hot Weather Survival Tactics for Motorcyclists**

Whether you describe "Hot Weather" as 80 degrees or 110 degrees, if you are riding for several hours in heated temperatures, the main thing to prevent is also the most obvious: **DEHYDRATION**. Dehydration is excessive loss of water from the body.

Motorcyclists should not think too lightly of this issue. **Dehydration can lead to a range of "bad" to "very bad" things that are listed below.** As a rider or passenger, you may be surprised at how fast dehydration can affect you on the road, especially since there are a surprising number of motorcyclists (and non-motorcyclists) who live their non-riding lives in a near-hydrated condition anyway. Although we are sure that does NOT include You!! What is the easiest way to tell if you are dehydrated? If you are thirsty?

*Continued on Page 18*



Well...OK...that's true: you should definitely drink water when you are thirsty. But there are riders who are so used to ignoring their body's thirst signals that there is another way to check. **Check the color of your urine. A DARK yellow color indicates you are dehydrated.** This means you are well past the point of not drinking enough water.

That may not sound too revelatory, but here are some of the hazards and symptoms that can impact any dehydrated rider anywhere in the world:

- **Heat Cramps:** If you feel cramps in your legs or abdomen, you need water. In fact, you've passed the point where you need water. Things are going to get worse until you get some water into your body.
- **Heat Exhaustion:** If you kept of riding in spite of the cramps, or even if you didn't experience cramps, but are riding beyond your body's normal need for water, you are now motoring into the realm of becoming a prime candidate for heat exhaustion. Some of the symptoms that you may expect include lots of sweating, headaches, nausea, dizziness, weakness, tiredness and even fainting spells. Obviously these are the kind of symptoms that can badly affect your motorcycle control and reaction time to routine threats to motorcycle survival. So, "Heat Exhaustion" means "bad" news for bikers.
- **Heatstroke (also known as sunstroke):** To put things in proper perspective, **heatstroke is a medical emergency and the person should be taken to a hospital.** This is well beyond the stage of feeling uncomfortable simply because it is hot outside. Signs to watch for include rapid heartbeat; rapid breathing; confusion or incoherence; blanking out; hot, red, dry skin; elevated body temperature; and even hostility (more so than normal for any of your easily aggravated companions). Note that the rider or passenger has now passed the sweating stage. The dehydration is so advanced that there is not enough water in the body to perspire (which is the normal way the body cools itself). A rider experiencing heatstroke might even appear to be intoxicated.

As heatstroke continues to advance, the face may change colors, moving from red to pale or bluish tint. Unfortunately, if heatstroke is this far advanced, things can still get worse, including the failing of body organs accompanied by unconsciousness and coma, and in rare circumstances, death. In short, you don't want to come near the possibility of experiencing heatstroke. It is worth re-stating that **you don't want to get yourself anywhere near the point of heatstroke.**

However, if a rider or passenger you know does get heatstroke, you need to help them fast, no matter what objections they may offer: **Their body temperature must be lowered immediately.** Begin by getting the rider out of the sun, and ideally into some air-conditioned area. Their clothing should be loosened and/or removed to allow more ventilation. Even better would be to get the rider or passenger into some cool water, such as a bath, or even a lake or river if such is possible.

OK, now let's look at what you can do to enhance your safe travels through hot weather. Let's start out with the most obvious:

1. **Drinks lots of water.** WATER is emphasized since refreshments like soda, coffee (or any caffeinated drink) or alcoholic drinks can actually contribute to dehydration, instead of helping to alleviate it.
2. **Insulate your skin from the heat.** It may seem counter-intuitive to wear protective clothing on a hot day, but you NEED to cover your exposed skin. Think of the desert nomads that spend their whole lives traveling in the desert with the camels: They ALL wear garments that cover their entire body and head. In real simple terms, **exposed skin on a hot day is not only subject to sunburn, but bare skin soaks up MORE heat from the sun.** If the outside temperature is higher than your normal body temperature (98.2<sup>0</sup> F), and if you're bare skin is exposed to the heat, your body temperature has nowhere to go but up. On the other hand, if your skin is covered, you are insulating yourself from the heat. It may "feel"

*Continued on Page 19*

good (particularly on shorter rides) to take your jacket off on hot days, but it is pushing your body into the range of dehydration symptoms even faster. Of course, riding without proper motorcycle gear on a hot day could also result in considerably more severe circumstances should you take a tumble on searing asphalt with bare skin or without a helmet.

3. If you are riding in areas of low humidity, for example, in the deserts of the American Southwest (or any place that is hot and dry), you **can cool yourself by dowsing your cotton shirt with water and zipping up your jacket on top of it.** Your closed jacket will keep your shirt wet, longer. Of course, if you happen to be wearing a mesh jacket, you can feel quite comfortable for only a little while, as the water evaporates from your shirt under the mesh quite rapidly. In other words, it won't take long before your shirt is thoroughly dried out and you need to wet it again. Now, if you try this in an area that is hot "and" humid, then you will simply be hot and wet with this tactic.
4. If you are motorcycle touring and you know the temperature is going to be uncomfortably warm for you in the direction you are heading, then **don't ride in the hottest part of the day.** Hit the road before the sun rises, get several hours of riding under your belt, and then get to a hotel or make camp before the heat becomes unfriendly. Additionally, if you are one of those folks, who is not an early riser, then hit the road in late afternoon, and ride through sunset and into the evening ever mindful that animals tend to come out when it gets darker and cooler also. Of course there is a risk of finding "No Vacancy" signs at motels, hotels and campgrounds if you want to end off your riding too late in the evening.
5. Perhaps the simplest tactic is to take regular breaks and **get into some shade** while drinking plenty of water!

## 2017 Corpus Christi H.O.G. Chapter Officers

Sponsor:	Preston Douglass <a href="mailto:preston@corpuschristiharley.com">preston@corpuschristiharley.com</a>	(361) 854-3146
Director:	Daniel Barrientez <a href="mailto:dlbarrientez@yahoo.com">dlbarrientez@yahoo.com</a>	(361) 215-6761
Asst. Director:	Bryan Gabbert <a href="mailto:bkgabb@yahoo.com">bkgabb@yahoo.com</a>	(361) 728-4836
Secretary:	Rickey Thielen <a href="mailto:rickeythielen@cableone.net">rickeythielen@cableone.net</a>	(361) 815-6280
Treasurer:	Cyndi Robinson <a href="mailto:cyndi.rob@gmail.com">cyndi.rob@gmail.com</a>	(361) 548-3201
Head Road Captain:	David Benoist <a href="mailto:chieffinch@aol.com">chieffinch@aol.com</a>	(361) 215-0520
Safety Officer:	Eric Thomas <a href="mailto:jerichthomas@hotmail.com">jerichthomas@hotmail.com</a>	(361) 815-0628
Activities Officer:	Sherrie Gabbert <a href="mailto:bsgabbert@stx.rr.com">bsgabbert@stx.rr.com</a>	(361) 452-0442
Chaplain:	Jerry Olivarez <a href="mailto:jerryolivarez@hotmail.com">jerryolivarez@hotmail.com</a>	(361) 443-7215
Editor/Historian:	Rickey Thielen <a href="mailto:rickeythielen@cableone.net">rickeythielen@cableone.net</a>	(361) 815-6280
Ladies of Harley	Sherrie Gabbert <a href="mailto:bsgabbert@stx.rr.com">bsgabbert@stx.rr.com</a>	(361) 452-0442
New Member Officer:	Connie Thielen <a href="mailto:connie.thielen@yahoo.com">connie.thielen@yahoo.com</a>	(361) 215-2531
Webmaster:	Chad Hammer <a href="mailto:chad.hammer@me.com">chad.hammer@me.com</a>	(361) 537-1013

